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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION, 37 CFR §1.116

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated June 17, 2003, Applicant requests:

- (1) withdrawal of the finality of the Office Action; (2) entry of the fully executed Rule 132 Declaration of Alan Ebringer, attached hereto and previously submitted to the Office; and (3) favorable reconsideration in view of the attached Declaration.

This response is filed within two months of the date of the Final Office Action.

Applicant's Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.